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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PRESS STORIES ON GENSCHER TALKS

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1. WE ARE SURPRISED AND DISTURBED BY ACCUSATION, EMANATING
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA ACCORDING TO BRAZILIAN
JOURNALIST, THAT UNITED STATES WAS MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT
DURING GENSCHERVISIT TO ALTER FRG/BRAZIL AGREEMENT, AND
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THAT WE WERE THREATENING FRG WITH EMBARGO UNDER OUR
NUCLEAR LEGISLATION IF THEY DID NOT MAKE SUCH ALTERATIONS.

2. YOU MAY INFORM GOB THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF GENSCHER
VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS NATO RELATED ISSUES. BRAZIL/FRG
AGREEMENT WAS NOT DISCUSSED NOR MUCH LESS AN EMBARGO.
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER DID ASK SECRETARY IF GENSCHER'S

ASSUMPTION THAT NEW NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION DOES NOT AFFECT GERMAN/BRAZIL AGREEMENT IS CORRECT. SECRETARY ASSURED GENSCHER ON THIS MATTER. (EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FURTHER POINT THAT NEW LEGISLATION IS NOT DIRECTED AT ANY NATION OR AGREEMENT.)

3. IN INFORMING GOB OF ABOVE, YOU SHOULD REITERATE OUR CONTINUING CONCERN OVER THE SPREAD OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SUCH AS FUEL REPROCESSING PLANTS.

4. IN RESPONDING TO PRESS QUERIES, YOU MAY NOTE THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF GENSCHER VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS NATO RELATED ISSUES. REGARDING THE NON-PROLIFERATION ACT, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE IT IS NOT DIRECTED AT ANY NATION OR AGREEMENT. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO NOTE OUR CONCERN OVER THE SPREAD OF SENSITIVE FACILITIES. VANCE

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